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Our Case No. 10022/97

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dirk M. Klemm et al.

Serial No. 09/705,577

Filing Date: November 3, 2000

For Framework for Integrating Existing
and New Information Technology
Applications and System

Examiner Diem K. Cao

Group Art Unit No. 2126

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

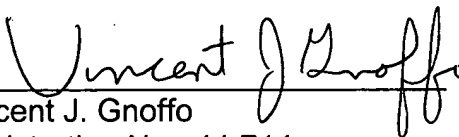
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Sir:

The examiner conducted an interview with Applicants on April 21, 2004. An Interview Summary was mailed on April 23, 2004. A Response to the final Office action was filed May 5, 2004. In case the Response did not satisfy the Substance of Interview, this paper is being filed along with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

Claim 1 was discussed during the interview. The examiner disagreed with Applicant's arguments that the Sheard reference fails to teach, either explicitly or implicitly, both foreign protocol integration for converting a node and a protocol translation service for converting a protocol. Applicant further proposed an amendment to claim that the network integration layer provides two options, one to convert the node and the other to convert the protocol, and argued that Sheard does not teach the amended limitation. The examiner stated that she needed to review the reference for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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